

Response to Office Action of December 9, 2005
Serial No. 10/801,352

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 and 14-21 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed December 9, 2005, claims 1, 2, and 4 were rejected. Claims 17 and 18 were objected to. Claims 3, 5-12, 14-16, and 19-21 were allowed.

By this Amendment, claim 17 is amended. No new matter is presented hereby. Please cancel claims 1, 2, and 4.

II. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Egan* in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,632,888 and 5,725,782 to *Chinn et al.* (“*Chinn*”). Claims 1, 2, and 4 are canceled. Thus, it is believed that this rejection is obviated and should be withdrawn.

III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 17 and 18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 17 is amended hereby to be rewritten in independent form. Claim 18 depends from claim 17. As such, it is submitted that claims 17 and 18 are in condition for allowance.

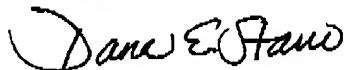
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection of the claims as set forth in the final Office Action of December 9, 2005 has been addressed. Applicant further respectfully asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance and request that a Notice of Allowance be issued. If issues may be resolved through Examiner's Amendment, or clarified in any manner, a call to the undersigned attorney at (404) 879-2437 is courteously solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

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